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Florida Skip Wins National Awards

We are pleased to announce that Florida SKIP recently received the following awards from the Amateur Radio News Service for 1968, Multiple Club Category: General overall Category: FIRST PLACE, Masthead: FIRST PLACE, General format-FIRST PLACE, Club activity: SECOND PLACE, Technical articles: SECOND PLACE, Illustration: FIRST PLACE, Legibility of Content: FIRST PLACE, SPECIAL AWARDS: For excellence in obtaining perfect scores in 30 points in one or more categories: FLORIDA SKIP, for three perfect scores in General Format, Illustrations and Legibility of Content.

No doubt to say, your Editor, and staff are extremely happy with these high ranking honors.

It is only fair and proper that much credit should go to all our correspondents, and others who work so hard each month to get SKIP out. A special acknowledgement goes to pretty Joan Simcox who puts the paper together each month and makes such attractive ads and layouts consistently. Yes, these awards are truly theirs.

The Amateur Radio News Service is a nationwide organization of Editors, Publishers, writers and all those engaged in amateur radio news work. SKIP and seven of its correspondents are members of ARNS. For more info on ARNS drop a card to Al Marcy W4ID in Eau Gallie.

We are informed that the above results of the contest will be published in a big Jubilee issue of the ARNS BULLETIN which will be sent to every Club in the United States and Canada.

Latest Info Million \$ Suit

The attorney for W4GJO had petitioned for removal of the case from local Circuit Court to Federal Court, on the basis that there is a Federal right and responsibility involved and that there is no action available under State law, as the Communications Act of 1934 controls.

However, on May 29, Judge Lieb of the Federal Court in Tampa ordered that the case be remanded for trial in Circuit Court in Sarasota. W4GJO's attorney has filed a petition for reconsideration and rehearing by the Federal Court.

In the event the case is to be tried locally, we must begin all over again to see that the lack of jurisdiction of the local court is established, or any FCC licensee would be vulnerable to local court action. (Not only amateur radio but CB, police radio, fire radio, business band radio, broadcasters or any other.) Obviously, this would mean there is no protection for those operating FCC licensed stations within the FCC Rules and Regulations, and the power of the FCC to regulate would be usurped by local court action.

So, it looks more than ever that this may be a long and costly fight. Every amateur is involved in this precedent-setting case. Your financial help, no matter how little, will be greatly appreciated.

Sarasota Amateur Radio Association, Inc., P. O. Box 3323, Sarasota, Florida 33578, is administering the fund, on behalf of hams everywhere. We can win this thing together.

FCC Denies Petitions For More Citizens Radio Frequencies

Petitions asking reallocation of frequencies from the Amateur Radio Service, Business Radio Service and the Remote Pickup Broadcast band to the Citizens Radio Service have been denied by the Commission. Also rejected was a request for lower Citizens application fees. Considered most was a request for Citizens Class C and D stations to keep the same call signs upon renewal or modification of license. Since this petition was filed, the Commission has deleted a prohibition against continuity of call signs.

The State of Illinois Civil Defense Agency and the Michigan CB Council opposed the

Midwest CB's petition for allocation of Remote Pickup frequencies to emergency or-

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SCM ELECTION

The July or August issue of QST will carry the announcement for opening of the SCM post in E. Fla. FLORIDA SKIP would like to offer equal space to all comers. Thus far we have only heard of one candidate, John F. Porter, W4KGI of South Miami. You may remember John was SCM about 8 years ago.

All candidates are requested to send about 150 to 200 words about themselves for the next issue please.



MEMBERS OF THE GULFSTREAM Society of Amateur Radio Operators, Inc. of Lake Worth, displayed a roomful of electronic equipment Sunday, May 17 and 18 at the Science Museum and Planetarium in West Palm Beach. Richard Kidder, WB4AKH, vice president of the organization, right, explains some of the equipment to Michael Higgins, T1, as Al Suhr, WB4-AID, president of the group looks on.

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-Editor

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Letters To Editor

Editor:

The novice Hurricane Net has increased their sessions to four times weekly. A short item in the next issue of Florida Skip would be appreciated.

Starting June 5 there will be NNN sessions on Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 1430 EDT on 7165 kc.

QNI and QTC from many traffic handlers are badly needed to enable NNN to thrive. Bob Stranghn W4-ILV, Net Manager, is trying to bring the net along to better things; so why not plan on checking in on some of these sessions and pass along some of the traffic to help a worthy endeavor.

Don Fontaine, WB4UW
262 Cocos Lane
Vero Beach, Fla.

Dear Editor,

I would like to acquaint you with a project that I have been working on for the past year. One that I hope will benefit all Radio Amateurs, a bill that is being in the 91st session

of the 91st Congress. This bill is asking the Post Master General to communicate with all Foreign governments for a reduction in postal rates for the mailing of QSL cards.

I hope that with your cooperation in publishing this bill in your magazine, it will be of benefit to all. Enclosed is a copy of the bill, hoping you will find this worth your effort.

Best of 73's
Sincerely,
Ry Cohen, W7CZB

Editor:

Enclosed is \$2.00 for a new subscription for one year to your publication, "Florida Skip."

Please send it to my personal attention at the above address.

Many thanks:

73,
Oliver P. Ferrell
Editor, POPULAR ELECTRONICS
(Ed. Note: We are honored to have Mr. Ferrell on our mailing list!)

LIVE AND LET LIVE

What's all the furor about? The SSBers snub the AMers, both ridicule the CWops, all speak disparagingly of the VHF ers, and everyone condemns the "Appliance Operators". How-
cum? Is there a solution to this argument?

I believe there is. There's enough room for all of us if we will just extend the "other guys" half the courtesy and respect that we expect from them. For over 13 years I have been an incurable Home-Brewer and die-hard CW man. Not the best, even by my standards, but I've got my own thing going. Even so, I rarely look head-on with one of the "other guys" simply because I realize that not everyone views Amateur Radio from the same vantage point. Just live and let live...

The F.C.C. is on my side, but that makes me neither RIGHT nor BEST. VHFers, SSBers and AMers have been legislated out of my hair. They are not privileged to cause me undue consternation on the air because Regulation prohibits their use of "MY" slice of the spectrum. Conversely, it would be foolish for me to waste energy bad-mouthing them. Just live and let live...

"Appliance Operators" of any mode are just beneath my dignity to insult. I just smirk a bit and ignore them. Maybe one

of these days they will discover the incomparable thrill of hooking that DX station on equipment they put together with their own two grubby little hands. Until then, I've got my own thing going. Just live and let live...

If I were of different inclination, be it SSB enthusiast, Micro-waver, or staunch Collins man, I am sure I could find innumerable reasons justifying that viewpoint. The "other guys" probably already have. Be a bit selfish about it; why should you condescend to lend dignity to the "other guys" position by even bothering to recognize him? You have your own thing going. Just live and let live...

But remember to be just a tiny bit objective too. We are all of the same breed - we all struggled to get that Ticket, which came from the very same office. By its careful omission, our Form 660 bears no distinction between these various factions. What you do within the limits of this common authorization depends entirely on your personal inclination. What a dull world if we all thought alike! Hamdom would turn into another cackapony of Citizens Band regimentation.

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Jerry - K4OHR, Editor
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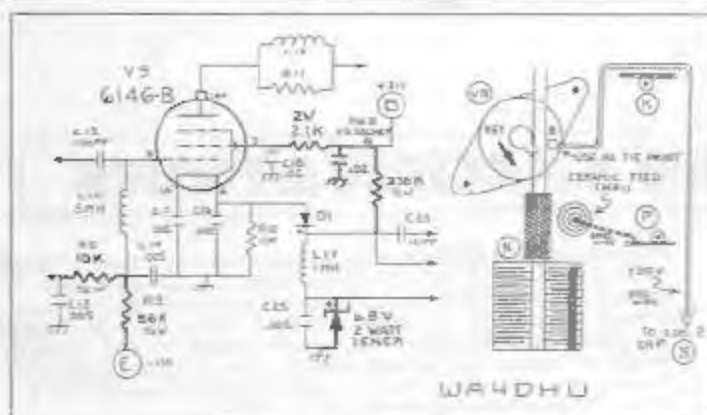
Net Directory

Once each year the League produces a comprehensive directory of all nets whose primary function is public service.

Early this summer work will begin on the Fall 1969 Net Directory. If your public service net has not been reregistered since July of 1968, it will be necessary to do so before July 1, 1969 to ensure listing in the coming tabulation.

Remember that all public service nets are eligible for listing in this free directory and that the deadline for registration is July 1.

(ARRL GB 218)



A 6146-B FINAL FOR THE HW-16

The Heath HW-16 CW Transceiver is now generally known to be a very FB novice rig. However, with a few improvements, this rig also makes a compact, self-contained (the power supply is built in), high performance, low power CW rig for the general.

The receiver already has 500 hz selectivity, coverage of the entire CW bands of 80, 40 and 15 meters, low sensitivity, and a very stable oscillator. All of the improvements, therefore, primarily apply to the transmitter section.

The above diagram shows the changes necessary to replace the present 6GE3 sweep tube final with a 6146-B transmitting tube. The 6146 provides full power output and efficiency on all three bands and is more resistant to antenna mismatches. In addition, by decreasing the output capacitors in the pi-network output, the transmitter power input can be increased to a full 120 watts on all bands.

The schematic is fairly self-explanatory, with the right portion giving orientation of the octal socket and placement of the feed-through for the 6146 plate load, and the red wire carrying the 310 volts for the screen supply. New or changed components are heaved in on the schematic. The parasitic choke is placed in the plate lead above the chassis. Pin 8 (tube base shield) is used as a tie point, and the metal base shield of the tube should be kept clear of the chassis.

After installation, the final should be re-neutralized and aligned per the manual, adjusting the driver output coils for -70 volts on the 6146 grid. This modification renders the "PWR LEVEL" control useless, as this panel position is now occupied by the speed control of a built-in electronic keyer.

With the addition of a keyer and VFO (subjects of future articles) the HW-16 becomes a beautiful portable CW station, or an ideal piece of gear to have around on Field Day.

SILENT KEYS

We are deeply sorry to report the passing of the following Florida amateurs:

WA4STE, Harry Springfield, Miami Beach
W6EPO, Axel Sigfred "AR"

Johnson, El Cajon, Calif.
EX-W4LSA of Hialeah.

W4KNR, Ray Beckwith, Clearwater.

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Summer is upon us and it behooves us to take some necessary steps in preparation for it. There is no better way to put yourself out of commission than to wait until the last minute in the dead of summer to either take down or attempt to repair your antenna system. Especially if you have been working in that air conditioned office and jogging seems silly to you. You'll be lucky if all you get is a good sun burn! So get started on these projects so they will not interfere with all your summer fun.

On the topic of vacations a few pertinent comments are in order. Here in Florida we are always aware of our summer peculiarity hurricanes. If you cannot leave your tower and/or antenna down while away why not arrange with another amateur to do it if anything threatens. You'll sleep better away from home, especially if you're not sure if that new beam will reach the neighbors new Florida room.

It's also a good idea to disconnect all antenna leads from your equipment as well as pulling the A.C. cords out. It's fine to leave the filaments on all



MEET DICK FREDERICK, K4UGC, our Hints and Kinks expert. Here Dick holds his Luig TV camera. He built a 2 meter transmitter in side which is xtal controlled to come out on 440mHz. He uses a homebrew Yagi and plans on switching over to audio AM on 1296 MHz. with a APX-6. Anyone interested in ATV give Dick a call at 757-0977, Miami. He would like to work up a sked or two.

the time when in use to cut down on drift etc, but a lot of rigs have been destroyed by lightning coming in on the power line. It gets you right in the pocketbook when it burns out that power transformer. A plastic dust cover will also keep out moisture.

Still on the topic of vacations, a note or if you wish, a message

to your net manager is the proper way to let him know you will not be checking in for a while. You owe him this courtesy and he will greatly appreciate it.

With vacations taking their toll of check-ins it would be nice to make the little extra effort needed to cover your area's responsibility a little closer until it becomes your turn to go on vacation.

A POSTAGE BILL

To require the Postmaster General to seek special reduced rates of international postage for postal cards sent by amateur radio operators.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 505 of title 39, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(c) In carrying out his duties under subsection (a) of this section, the Postmaster General shall negotiate, conclude, and seek revision of postal treaties and conventions, and any agreements entered into pursuant to such treaties and conventions, for the purpose of providing special reduced rates of postage for postal cards mailed by an amateur radio operator to another such operator in another country."

(Editors note: Hy Cohen, W7EQE mailed SKIP a copy of S. 1420 above, dated March 7, 1969. All amateurs are urged to support this bill as it is now before the 91st Congress.)

LONG VOYAGE

Some time between May 15 and 20, a new voyage will begin by the Norwegian ethnologist Thor Heyerdahl. In hopes of proving that ancient Egyptians made a similar voyage from the old world to the new world, Heyerdahl will attempt crossing the Atlantic in a reed boat. Operation, under the call LZ4H is expected on 20 meter phone during the 100 to 120 day voyage.

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GULFSTREAM SOCIETY OF AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS, INC. By Al Sahr, WB4ATD

Has anyone noticed Spring Fever? Some might think that this is the time of year to relax and take it easy. Not so with members of the Society here in Lake Worth. To begin with,

a very successful Ham Show was staged by Jim Johnson, W4JZ, director of the show, Dick Kidder, WB4AKH in charge of production; with Frank Piverotto, WA4TBN; Floyd Jones, WA4IXS; Bob Rodriguez, WB4-AIF; Jim Hughes, W4EXO; Joe White, WB4KZU; Chuck Sjoquist, W4LFB; Frank Lundy, W4OCM; Lewis Elam, W4QJY and John Fulford, WA4VPY. Closed circuit TV was the most popular exhibit in general, with the antique display running a close second. Even had visitors from Pompano Beach. We worked against terrific adversity when the bands went dead. But, somehow, we managed to make the necessary contacts and all went well. (See photo elsewhere, Ed.)

The real pleasant news is the acceptance by ARRL of the Gulfstream Society of Amateur Radio Operators, Inc. as an Affiliate Club with the League. This, of course, is another milestone for the Society. With this recognition the Society feels it has gained much and is glad that it has qualified itself in this respect.

The Society announces the installation of gear in the new headquarters in Lake Worth. W4BZ has contributed the use of his SB-100 and Swan Mark-X Linear. WB4AIF is loaning his Tower and halyard. We are now in a position to operate the local two meter "Member Get-together" which began May 24th, at 2000 Hrs. EDT. This is another accomplishment as planned.

New plans are in the making for ARRL Field Day. Still no Spring Fever! We will operate from our new room and really have a ball. Did you know that last year the So-

cietly worked very hard to make last in the Nation "in its class" Lots of Spring Fever then!

A BELATED "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" TO FLORIDA SKIP AND THANKS FOR MAKING THIS AVAILABLE TO FLORIDA HAMIS.

FLORIDORA NEWS By Alma Burton WA4YNX

Our president, W4LEM Amette and OM W4CWY flew out of New York June 5 for a three week trip to Europe. There they will be traveling by bus through Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Rumania and Hungary.

W4JTE Tom must be feeling well again, as she recently passed a Red Cross swimming test, which required that she swim 20 laps around the pool!

We were sorry to hear that K4CSC Edna's OM Walt W4PWB recently had a heart attack, and we wish him a speedy recovery. Also hope Edna is able to get around without her crutches.

Floridors were saddened to hear of the death of Terry W4ETD, OM of former member Gladys K4LVE.

W4BIC Bo's brother is much improved and is now up and around; still with her and sister Marie in Jax.

W4BIL Fran received a surprise package from Canada. She was an instant camera in the drawing at the Toronto Trillium National Convention. VE3BBO Doris said they gave four cameras, two in U.S. and two in Canada. Fran used to be a public health nurse. She hasn't been driving since coming to Florida, but now that she has new glasses and can see again, she will be driving again!

W4PEU Ann hasn't been operating much lately. She hopes there may be more 6 meter activity in the area (Ft. Lauderdale). She enjoys reading and shopping.

W4EHN Betty was chairman of the committee of her Woman's Club which raised \$500 for a new home for unfortunate children, which is being built between St. Cloud and Kissimmee.

FLA. VHF SIDEBANDERS By R. D. Ralston - K4LFF

This last month has been something to remember for many Hams throughout the world. I have talked to several including EF1DT, W5SPW and several other "old timers" and they all mention about hearing the CW signal of ZK1AA, but only one seems to have worked him in the USA, and that is Leo - WA4MHS of New Port Richey.

Congrats, Leo, and I sure hope you get that QSL from Cook Island. Keep up the CW, maybe more of the CW operators will get antennas for 6 and find out it is not just a "local" band for Heathkit 6ets and ground planes, but a band where you can work many miles with a good station and antenna.

I had a very nice letter from W1ADR up Yukon way, and was real pleased that Danny had read the June issue of SKIP.

Am hoping that I will have a 2 meter AM signal on the air from the WFBF 185 foot tower. For all you people looking for Georgia contacts, be on the look-out for K4RJS and K4EJT, Beverly and Al from Woodbine (Camden County), Georgia. They will be using about 250 watts SSB and removed of being AM also in the near future.

Another request from the readers: How many are K4winians? Yours truly was appointed Public Relations Chairman of the St. Marys, Georgia club last week.

Keep all those letters and cards coming in. It makes all those teeth coming out a little less painful. It mere to go, and I can eat again. It's still next time, from your UPI and SKIP reporter.

B.A.R.S.

By Gene Burton, WA4YNW

The Brandon Amateur Radio Society met Monday, June 9 at First Federal meeting room. Field day plans were finalized. By the time you read this, Field Day will be over. BARS made a good showing, I'll bet you.

BARS has decided to enter a small float in the Brandon Fourth of July parade. Also, we will operate a ham station from the Civic Center during the afternoon.

A great deal of interest is being shown in the upcoming August 22-23 First Annual Ham Camporee, sponsored by BARS. The site chosen is Royal Park Campground near River-view. Many camping hams have indicated they will be there. There will be no grand prizes, no swap tables, just swimming, boating, fishing and maybe a little hamming. Program will include a tree-top antenna demonstration, a tour of Bush Gardens in Tampa, and a Saturday night pot-luck dinner. See you all at the Ham Camporee.

ORLANDO RAMBLINGS By Hal, W4BKC

The Orlando-Orange County Civil Defense office is in the process of updating their I.D. card file. After a reasonable time for the updating, the old cards will no longer be valid. To acquire a new card it will be necessary to fill out the new ID request form and submit a passport type photo such as are obtained by putting 25 cents in a photo machine and being still while the light flashes four times. Submit two of these photos with your application form. One will be attached to your new card, the other will be retained for the file. In most of the places where these machines are installed, they also have another machine where you can obtain material to laminate your new ID card, but be sure not to apply the laminate until after you have signed it, the card, that is. Be sure the photo's are full face, they won't be flattering, but don't let that worry you, smile!

The June meeting of the OABC was combined with a dinner at the Golden Key which was well-attended and enjoyed.



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At this time no word on any plans for Field Day, but our Proxy Sam, WA4YZZ is working on it.

Duke, W4HEX has been moved from the Cardiac Care Unit at Orange Memorial Hospital and is now in Room 512. Drop him a card, know he would appreciate it.

FOOT MYERS CLUB

By Ken W4SMK

The FMYC did not hold a regular meeting in May since the club picnic that month served in place of a meeting. Some 50 people attended the picnic held at Judd Park, and the weather and food were fine. Earl K4FQU presided over the barbeque chores and did a great job.

W4LX/4 will be a little short-handed this year in the Field Day since several of our good operators will not be back from the Navassa Island expedition in time to operate. However, we hope to operate at least one transmitter in good style. We wish the boys on Navassa well, and are not sorry they are going since this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for them. Those making the trip from FMYC are K4IA, W4KET, K4GAH, and W4PJG. (See the Navassa story elsewhere in SKIP.)

Don W4LBM is back from Thailand and where he served with the Air Force and looks real fine.

W4LNE is over in the Indian Ocean again and W4KET has been faithfully running phone patches for Nick.

We were surprised to hear about W4NEV's hard luck and trust Bill will be back on the air with us soon again. Support the new SCM whoever he may be.

Congratulations to W4YTT and SKIP which received several firsts in the Amateur Radio News Service contest for ham publications.

Have a safe summer vacation and drive defensively while you are mobile.

T.A.R.C. NEWS

Ken Reidel, K4VNE

The last meeting for this season was held Monday, June 6th. We resume regular meetings starting on 3rd Monday in September. (Sept. 18th.)

The season closed with an excellent demonstration of the latest by Everett and he was ably assisted by our TARC president, Frank Shannon, K4CT. TARC has continued, as in the past, to hold two meetings per month, the first and the third Mondays of each month.

Col. Harold Johnson, USAF, member of HQ US Stricom (Macapua AF) lectured on the latest in the state-of-the-art at our previous meeting. This included a demonstration (operationally) of the "Signal One" transceiver (ECI of St. Petersburg). "ECI"! This means we will continue to have our good friend remaining in the Greater Tampa Bay area.

John Fogarty is on a trip up the famous Mississippi River, Ohio River and then Green River. He and XYL will also return aboard vessel to their starting place, New Orleans, and return to Tampa in their auto.

Bill Holleyhead, of Bldg. Committee, is to be congratulated for the condition of our club building, cleanliness, etc. John Fogarty stated recently, that the exterior repairs are to be delayed until further word is received from Mayor Greco of Tampa. (We lease the Club building from city of Tampa).

TARC individual members are invited to join efforts of newly organized Brandon Radio Club in their coming participation in "Field Day" activities. Your "scribe", Ken Reidel, is designated "liaison" for "Field Day" with Brandon Radio Club.

It was voted by membership to keep our club VHF Net on-the-air throughout the summer months. Joe Turrentine, K4YHI, is net-control, operating each Thursday at 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on 51.45 Mhz - "AM" vertically polarized.

The Club has received check from insurance company to reimburse for recent theft of club's station "gear". (Heath SB 200, SB 300 and SB 400) - stolen by unknowns. Loss was discovered on meeting night of March 17th, however, the insurance company has now cancelled our insurance policy - with the "excuse" that our Club building is too remotely located! The building is owned by City of Tampa, and immediately adjacent to city playgrounds!

H.A.R.S. NEWS

By Roy Scott - W4UHF

Governor Claude Kirk, Jr. proclaimed the week of June 15 to June 21, 1969 as "FLORIDA AMATEUR RADIO WEEK". HARS cooperated in this recognition of Amateur Radio by participation in a half-hour program provided by WFLA-TV (Channel 8) on Tuesday, June 17 at 5:30 a.m. The program was dedicated to "FLORIDA AMATEUR RADIO WEEK". Among the radio amateurs representing the various clubs and organizations in Hillsborough County were Ray Murphy, W4BNE; President of HARS; Ralph Coody, W4BM, AF MARS Set Mgr., and representing TARC, Vance Vogel, W4OVE, SSR Emergency Net Mgr., Art Norina, K4AAI, Brandon ARC; Col. Harold Johnson, W4ZCB, AF MARS; MacDill AFB, and Col. Thomas Cooke, Director Civil Defense, Hillsborough County. Equipment ranging from a 1914 crystal receiver with slides for tuning, owned by Roy Scott, W4UHF, to the very latest transistorized transceiver was displayed to demonstrate how far the state of the art has progressed. The program MC was George Michels, who generously donated time from his program "RFD FLORIDA", and whose efforts on behalf of amateur radio are greatly appreciated.

Don't forget TAMPA HAMFEST (HARS), Sunday, October 12, 1969 at Lowry Park in Tampa. Support "Florida Skip". 73.

DADE RADIO CLUB

Well, it's that time of year again when a ham's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of "Field Day." At meetings most talk has turned to getting together the required equipment; generators; antennas; rigs, etc. Also who shall do what, when. We have not really decided on an operating schedule, it probably wouldn't work out anyway. We probably will not have a shortage of ops though, the club has trained many new members who are anxiously awaiting the opportunity to operate their first field day.

The club will soon have a station on the air again, the museum has supplied us with a place to set up our equipment. Now we must get our equipment together to set up the station. This and everything else, however, must wait until Field Day and all the excitement involved are passed. More about the station next month. Bob, W4AJDG

S. FLA. FM ASSOCIATION

W4KSD

Operating time for the FM repeater for April was 756 hours transmitter keyed 31,407 times, 651 phone patches 7 hours of phone patch time, and 85 hours transmitting.

At the board meeting it was decided to buy and put up a new transmitting antenna, 4 stack J Pole. Boy, did it make a difference in the signal.

We also have an automatic phone patch and most mobiles have a touch tone in their car. This is for club members and they pay for this service. We will help the U.M. Amateur Radio Club get 2 meter FM gear.

We had a hidden transmitter hunt last month on 2 meter on 146.94. K4RDR, Bob and W4RRP, Rip had the honors of hiding it in some tall weeds. Their portable battery went dead and we thought they had gone out they came back on the air with a mobile rig. You should have seen the crazy H.B. antennas. W4TQH, Jay Stagg, came in 1st, K4ANW, Ted, 2nd, and Jerry, W4WVD, 3rd. We all had a lot of fun.

According to Linda Duncan, coordinator for the Miami Walk for Development, our service project was a great help in making it successful. Thanks to our FM Repeater communication was loud and clear at each check point. The following members participated: W4YGP, PH, W4AJB, Don; W4HUN/4 Jay Stagg; W4ALX, Stan; K4ANW, Ted; W4TQH, Jay Smith; K4GSN, Cal; W4GGB, Ted Wayne; W4KNO, Lew; W4RRP, Rip; K4RDR, Bob; W4BUC, Chuck; W4CFM, Dan; W4ARDZ, Jay Hecker; W4AJJZ, Doc; and yours truly. Sandy, W4KSD

D.C.A.R.P.S.C.

By W4LKC

The Corps held their picnic on May 18 and it was a big success. I am sure that everyone enjoyed themselves. After a nice lunch and a quick meeting, the crowd retired to the baseball diamond for a game of softball. I wonder how many more and still people are at the rigs today? The Corps had a 100% member turnout!

The Corps would like to congratulate the new novices that graduated from the novice class, W4MPC and W4NMPH have received their tickets and will be on the air soon!

Watch out Jax! W4LRY is out to win this year on the Field Day activities! This year the Corps has a secret weapon and plan to use it! We hope that everyone has good luck but still don't plan on winning!

The Corps would like to welcome W4NCH to the Corps and hope that she has a successful novice career!

W4LKC is QSL manager for SM-7TV and if any op that wishes a QSL for confirmation of a QSO please send a stamp, W4LKC is also manager for W4LRY, the Corps station so either QSL direct or via W4LKC.

W4LLE has been very busy with XYL W4JRH in a big hope that she will pass her General. Good luck, Angie!

If anyone would like to join an active group, please contact one of the Corps members. We would be more than happy to see you!

FIVE FLAGS AMATEUR RADIO ASSN. INC.

By Lou Goldstein, K4LAN

With the coming of Field Day the association's business is dominated with preparation. Rigs include two Drake lines and VHF hear for 2 and 6 meters. A TA-21, dipole, a camper and various assortment of tents for sleeping, sitting and operating. Two or more generators will be in operation and that 80-foot tower will give inspiration to all who have to climb it to win this year's Florida Skip trophy.

With the President's committees formed and operating, we get reports each meeting from various members who are the committee heads. Topics range from DX; contests; net activity; programs and many more.

This month (May) the guest speaker was Frank Butler SCM, West Fla. He noted the advantages of belonging to the ARRL. A timely subject since the Association is in the process of becoming affiliated with the League.

John Dean W4DVM, is heading up

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CLUB NEWS

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Field Day.

This month seems to be the largest 'new member' month we have had in a long time. New members include: Dick Brown W0EXD/4; Ed Croft W4BYI; Les Brown W4NOG; Jim Wozorek K1MEA/4, plus several applications being made.

From the slow start we had when the Assn. was first formed over 18 months ago, we seem now to be a solid body in Pensacola.

With each new member goes a new subscriber to the 'Five Flags Flash' the Assn's monthly news bulletin. 73, Lot

DAYTONA GROUNDWAVE Z

By Richard Cullum W440QX

The May meeting found us still discussing Field Day, and a special committee meeting shortly afterwards. Plans were prepared and equipment procured. Permission to use the James St. Park in South Daytona was also secured. The new RW 100 has had its smoke test and passed with flying colors. The operator's schedule is ready and the crack operators of DBANA are patiently awaiting the big day. So, beware contenders of the Florida Skip Field Day Trophy.

The Halifax area has four new novices, from Harnham College; Bill Meishild W4N4J, Roger Kerr, Charles Howell W4NGT, and Richard Brooks W4NGJ.

Our President, Bill W4JCP, is visiting up north. Bill using a Pawnee mobile and a Big Wheel mounted on the roof hopes to make quite a bunch of two meter contacts.

In honor of Governor Kirk's proclamation of Florida Amateur Radio Week, the members of DBANA have elected to celebrate the occasion by voting Clyde W4SDR as member of the year. To commemorate the occasion, the officers have presented him with a gold 833.

WESTERN FLORIDA NEWS

Frank M. Butler, Jr. W4RKH

Newly Licensed hams include W4-MWX, Pensacola, W4NEU, Ft. Walton, as d W4MYE, Panama City. Pensacola; K4LAN now edits the QFN Bulletin as well as the FFARA Newsletter. Corry Field ARC expanded its traffic operation and keeps many skeds daily, including USS Lexington and USS Observation Island. President is VE3FHE/W4.

Fort Walton: The Playgroup ARC was reorganized, with the following new officers: President, K4UBH; Vice Pres., W4SMI; Sec-Treas., W4UXW; Membership open to any ham in the area; meetings last Thursday of each month. We were saddened to learn of the death in Viet Nam of Lt. John Lakin, USMC, ex-KN4-SFF, son of

W4MMW.

Chipley: The WFPN picnic attracted a good crowd, despite the bad weather. W44AYX, W4MQQ, W4EQQ, W4-DVM, W4KCA and W44EQU were given Section Net Certificates for their long service as NCS. W4MQQ will be the new Net Manager when W44-AYX leaves.

Apalachicola: K4BDY accepted job of EC for Franklin County.

Tallahassee: FSU has an active club now, with its own call, W44ZUT. W4FH joined Silent Keys, as did W4GDI of Montgomery, known to many WFPN members.

FLORIDA SIDEBANDERS ASSOCIATION

By Richard Standford, W4EPD

Seems as though the last moment always arrives before I expect it. Thus begins my excuse for this rambling being absent for the last three issues. W44FLW will be taking over this responsibility — but that can be explained later.

This being my last column as well as my first in three months finds me with several things on my mind and not enough room to get them all in. Since the last article, the FSBA had a very successful mobile emergency drill.

The details are well-known by now, but we should not forget that to be really effective when an emergency arrives we need constant practice. I think all of us are glad to see this type of action getting started. Last fall when the hurricane came in north of Clearwater, and left the town of Hudson devastated, a mobile emergency net COULD have provided the communications which were needed, but not available for many hours.

It would be a terrific service if the FSBA, through its Emergency Net, could develop an efficient Full State Mobile Emergency Net capable of instant mobilization. This does not mean a bunch of guys riding around with radios in their cars, but rather trained amateurs interested in assisting their fellow man and able to follow the instructions of the control station. Besides providing the availability of communications when needed, the drills provide an outlet for where to go on a Sunday afternoon outing! There is no other organization within the state of Florida with the ability to do this except FSBA. It is our responsibility.

Another half year is gone and new officers were elected in the meeting of June 8, 1969. For those who don't yet know, they are as follows: President: Rich Stanford, W4EPD; 1st V.P. Jim Miles, W4TTWD; 2nd V.P. John Coffing, K4NKA; Secretary: Ted Champagne, W4BTW; Treasurer: Tony Lischauer, W4JQ; Emer. Sec-Mgr.: Vance Vogel, W4OVE.

That's why I said earlier that now W44FLW has the responsibility of this task and MUCH more. It will be a relief to be president after the arduous plight of being secretary two and a half times! The last six months have moved by quickly though, which indicates K4KE, Dave Stocky, outgoing president, and his fine staff of officers did an outstanding job. It was a good session fellows.

All stations are invited to join in each Sunday afternoon at 2200 GMT on 3940KHz.

I.R.A.R.C. NEWS

By S. T. Walker, Sr. W4EWB

We were pleasantly surprised with a visit from Father Bernardo, RKS-AKB, from Bogota, Colombia. While enroute to Washington, D.C., Father Bernardo arrived in Florida at Miami International and drove to Jacksonville by auto stopping overnight here in Cocoa. Father Bernardo is well-known on 20 meters and very active in the Intercontinental Net on 14.350 MHz. We wished he could have stayed longer but his time is very limited.

Everyone is preparing for Field Day the latter part of this month. Looks like a few fires were lit and should have plenty of help.

The Civil Defense Radio net was activated Sunday night the 8th of June, on 146.97 and 146.94 MHz to aid in the search of a 13-year old boy who wandered off down the beach from the south jetty of Port Canaveral. The local fire, police, and civil defense agencies of the area plus many more volunteers aided in the 11-hour search which ended happily when the boy was found and returned to his parents. The portable FM units operating on 146.94 MHz were a real help working this type of activity. A WELL DONE to all of the fine hams of Brevard who participated.

B.A.R.C.

By Jim Wilson W4GDY

Jim Wilson, who normally writes this column, is on vacation so you will have to put up with a substitute this month.

Our YLC had to arrange the program for the last meeting. They did an excellent job by presenting a skit entitled 'If You Can't Lick 'Em, Join 'Em'. It was about a TVI complainant who just couldn't win, and a husband who had to eat TV dinners all the time because his XYL spent all of her time operating the rig. When last seen, the husband and the TVI complainant were studying for the ham exam.

After the skit, the club secretary displayed some curio type gifts he has received from hams in various countries. Some interesting stories about "International Friendships" developed through "Amateur Radio" were told.

B.A.R.C. is meeting in the Broward County Courthouse at present. We are trying to make a change though because coffee can't be served, nor is smoking allowed in the meeting room.

Field Day will be history by the time you read this. Hope you had a good time.

And now Jim Wilson, you can take over again for next month.

SOUTH MIAMI RADIO CLUB

Ernie, K4KIC

By the time this article hits the press another Field Day will go down in history and we hope to be back to normal and eager to go again next year.

Summer is upon us again and vacations will be taking the toll of attendance at club meetings.

As most clubs have an objective or purpose for their existence we have selected as our contribution to ham radio a radio course for a troop of Boy Scouts in our area. We will conduct this course during the regular meet meeting period each week and hope to add a few more young

hams to our number of dwindling operators. This will mean extra time involved on the part of our club but feel this will be a rewarding project.

We are proud to have our president John Porter W4KGF nominated for the vacant post of SCM for Eastern Florida. John held this post for two terms 1967-1968 and did a fine job. With his past experience and energetic attitude toward ham radio we know he will make a reliable SCM. And is deserving of support from all ARRL members and non-members.

Was wondering if other clubs have ever heard these remarks going around 'I'm not going to the club meetings anymore, they never do anything' or 'I joined the club to learn something about radio' or 'such and such a night is no good for me as I go bowling or to a football game'. I am sure these are very familiar sounds to all clubs, but have you noticed when you ask the same guys who complain to do a little something to make the meetings more interesting, such as being on a TVI committee or taking an office in the club or presiding a short topic on antennas, they are the first to come up with some wild excuse to get out of it. Results, the same old boys wind up doing the job as they always have.

I would imagine all clubs are victims of these circumstances and have some of this type members. It boils down to the point that a card-carrying member who does not attend meetings is not much use when it comes to setting up a Field Day site or helping out in other activities.

We are very proud of our club president, Joe Poersheke W4HIS, for his fine work in the club and also for the fact that he is a very talented musician playing the french horn in a young symphony group.

We are sorry to lose two of our past-president, Ray Lipe, K4EHQ and Max Holland, W4MEA. Ray is taking residence up in North Carolina where the summers are cool but wait till winter. Max is taking up a new teaching assignment somewhere up north. Be seeing you next winter, also Max. We will also miss Bill Nepp W4NNU and his charming XYL who have returned home to Cleveland for the summer. Many thanks to these for their past work in the club.

Again the club wishes to extend a hearty invitation to come up and see us sometime. See our Club Notice in this issue for time and place.

ST. PETERSBURG AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

By Cathy Soehl

W4BAV/AREA/ARNS

SPARC held their annual Hamfest, at Lake Magadore, May 18th, with over 300 in attendance. W4OFU-Jack Greeno did a fine job of MCing and distributing the many nice prizes, with the aid of W4WNE-Bill Foley. Needless to say, the shelter with the Swap Table never lacked for activity. An interesting and enlightening talk was given by K4KQ—formerly W4LYV—Chuck Belvin, ARRL Director—S.E. Division. He gave a review of the highlights of the recent Directors meeting. W4HSZ-Jim Hall took a picture of all the licensed YLs in attendance, with exception of W4TDK-Nanni, who was busy handling the money. The main prize was an op-

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SORRY 'BOUT THAT...

Those of you who had trouble designing the grid-block keying system described in the May, 1969 SKIP can stop taking tranquilizers. The formulas for R1 and R2 were accidentally left out. They are as follows:

B Negative Supply Volts

G Required Final Neg. Grid Bias in volts

I Final Grid Current in milliamperes

R1, R2 Bias Resistors Expressed in Kilohms.

$$R_1 = \frac{B}{I} \text{ and } R_2 = \frac{R_1 G}{2B - G} - 1$$

WHERE:

B = NEGATIVE SUPPLY VOLTS

G = REQUIRED FINAL NEG. GRID BIAS IN VOLTS

I = FINAL GRID CURRENT IN MILLIAMPERES

R1, R2 = BIAS RESISTORS EXPRESSED IN KΩ



GATOR CHAPTER

The "GATOR" Chapter of the Q.C.W.A. meeting was held at Sun City on May 29th. A very good baked ham lunch was served, along with all the fixings and it must have pleased most every body. We had an excellent turn out for our last meeting of the season. Many of the OM's brought their respective XYL's and they seemed to have a good time too, from the reports to this writer.

A little project of lets "Support Florida Skip" was carried out during the meeting and a total of 25 subscriptions were attained. Some were new and some re-newal. I'll bet Andy Clark will be surprised to hear that. (Wow! Many thanks gang! -AC)

During the summer months the "Gators" will continue to meet on the air every Sunday morning on 7275 KC. In the event the skip is too long we will move to 3913 KC or should I say Kilohertz? It Hertz to use that term. The time is 9:30 a.m. EDT so all you Gators come on in and join us.

WAYK is now the Master Control of the Net and he don't waste any time getting the roll call over with. You better be on your toes or you might be lost in the shuffle. He doesn't call

you in alphabetical order, and that breeds attention.

That's all for now. If any of you guys and dolls have any news for "SKIP" pertaining for the best interests of us "Gators" just drop me a line. By the way, we are very sorry to announce the passing of W4KNR - Ray Beckwith of Bellaire, Clearwater, Fla. He had made many friends in a short time in the area.

73

Hal Bates

CENTRAL FLA. CHAPTER

The first and Charter Meeting of the newly formed Central Florida Chapter of the QCWA will be held in Orlando at the Bit-O-Sweden Restaurant Banquet Hall, 3911 East Colonial Drive on Saturday evening, June 28th. Get acquainted session 7:30 to 8:00 p.m. and Dinner at 8 p.m.

All bonafide National QCWA members who attend this meeting and wish to join the Central Florida Chapter will become Charter Members. Bit-O-Swed-



WE NORMALLY DO NOT print station photos without it's operator, but in this case we thought you might enjoy seeing home built console by Bob Bartoe WA4VEX ex-WA8CUO of Miami. Bob is active on AF MARS. His station can run full a full KW 3 to 30 mc. on SSB, CW and RTTY. Oh yes, Mr. Bartoe also built his 86 foot crank-up tilt-over tower. Nice going Bob.

LETTER FROM VIETNAM

(Editors note: The following letter was air mailed June 4th, arrived noon, June 7th. Yet it sometimes takes 4 days to get letter cross town.)

Good friends who read Florida Skip. I thought I might write and let y'all know how it is out here in the land of enchantment in Southeast Asia.

I'm doing fine, not too well fed at times, but I'm happy and well paid and I have a good suntan. So who can complain?

I'm riding a "Monitor" gunboat in the Mekong Delta, serving as boat radioman and navigator. One thing I'm glad about is the experience I received on the Florida Traffic nets. (Sure comes in handy.) One guy out here has spotted me as a Florida traffic hound -- he called it

"good procedure." Need I say more?

The tour really isn't that bad, except for the heat, humidity, rain, mosquitos, very few movies and the lack of round-eyed girls.

I would like to hear from any of the troopers who would care to write. Sorry, but I do not have a tape recorder, but sooner or later I will find one and I'll send a tape to K4YSN for the Sidebanders net.

Oh yes, DX here on 10, 15 and 20 sure is quiet, except late at night. I've heard a few KR6 and KG6 and that's about all. Wish I could work them, but that's a NO NO.

So, I'll say 73 for now and pass along my best DX wishes to everybody, way back East.

73

John Deegan WA4QLZ

en is approximately a half mile east of Colonial Plaza, just beyond the entrance to Herndon Airport on the north side of Colonial Drive.

Bill Waldo - W4PI, Secretary

Mailing address is: P.O. Box 15, Deegan, B36-01-85USN, Riverton 13 Zippo 132-1, FPO, San Francisco, Calif. 96601

A lot of people think hams just fool around with radios.

Suddenly, your "fooling around" is frequently the only way of transmitting messages of help and hope. Of course, you didn't become a ham just to help out in a disaster. You became a ham because you just wanted to be a ham. But you've made your hobby an invaluable public service. And FPL is grateful. We remember. A lot of people thought Edison was just fooling around with electricity, too.



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TROPICAL PHONE NET

By Ken W4SMK

W4GMB George, who is an old pro, has come in to help out as NCS on Tropical. W4DFU of the U. of Fla., and operated by W4ADEL, is also acting as NCS and puts in a nice signal.

Those nasty summertime band conditions are showing up now, and some days the QSB and QRN are really rough, but we are still getting the traffic through. The traffic count has held up quite well so far this year, and as long as W4SCK stays with us we will be getting lots more, I'm sure.

W4CDV Bob, who has that big signal from the Capital City is on our roll call now. Also add W4CUM/4 John, who will be around a short while, and then is going into military service, we hear. K4LPS in Texas is also a new net member and is very regular in his attendance.

W4FP and W4FCP are both temporarily off the roll at their request and we hope they will be able to join with us soon again.

W4BMC checks in regularly and usually always has traffic for us to help the net total. She also has one of the loudest signals on the band.

W4JUK mobile has a new rig that really sounds fine, and Doc is getting along well up in Lakeland.

K4NKA is another regular who is always short of time, but never short of signal strength. John and the East coast gang must have some secret weapons.

73, Ken

FLA. MIDDAY TRAFFIC NET

By Herb, W4LSR

Here it is June again and many of us will be coming and going on vacation trips. Jim, W4GDK is on his way and expects to be gone about 3 weeks. Birch, W4BAW is in Missouri and there may be more on their way. We wish you all happy motoring, a safe journey and a hearty welcome home.

Chick, W4LK was in new on our roster but he sounds like a veteran at Net Control. Real PB Chick Black, W4DVR is now portable at his home QTH in Orlando with a new rig and antenna for 40 and 80. His license was issued for the bomb shelter in Wildwood where he hides during the week.

While this column is intended as a report of our Net Members and their activities, I want to pay tribute to the many friends of our Net who monitor our sessions and who jump in and help out when needed. Greetings to all of you and welcome to the FMTN. Added to the roster in May were Fred, W4JZB in Hollywood, Bud W4BLK in Tampa and Don, W4KNU2 in Titusville.

Having been out of service for the first half of May, I may have released some important news. If I did, please

forgive me and if it is still worth reporting, send me a Ham Gram and I will get it into next month's column.

FMTN had 36 sessions in May. 624 stations handled 308 messages for an average QNT of 24 and an average QTC of 32.6.

QFN REPORT



By Dan Franklin K4EHY

QFN in May total QNT:303; QTC 285; total time 3107. Average QNT 6.3; QTC 5.5 for 57 sessions.

New stations checking in are WB4KUZ, WB4JNL, WB4JNL, from new QTH in Pompano Beach, W4BYB, Miami, W4SRK, Don (W4LEB), P-WB, Tom, Palatka.

K4EX, Bob, received WAC for 75 meter phones. He is putting up a big quad endstator for 20 mtr on a tall EZ way tower. W4TRS is the new Saturday night NCS... doing a good job back in the harness again. 4R1Y/W4, Des, after putting up new inverted vee, with vast improvement in signal, has been busy confounding traffickers in all traffic nets. He is a regular RN5-CAN station. WB4FHF has received a letter for BAND and BAND MASTER'S trophy for most improved musician at a recent band awards banquet. W4LE, Reg, after summer vacation and many off the air hours getting his family licensed will be back in full action.

We are reaping the harvest of many effort on the Novice Hurricane Net, with many former and present members QNT QFN. NEN is now meeting 4 times a week: Sun., Tues., Thurs., Sat. 1830 GMT 7100 KC/S. All are invited to check in and help. Encourage your young novice friends and old timers who want to break in to net operation to come around.

Net meets daily on 7093 KC/S at 1830 EDT and 3651 KC/S at 2200-EDT during the summer. 19 WPM is all the code speed you need. Don't worry, you can't foul up our excellent Net Control stations if you don't know the procedure. Just listen and call in anytime. NCS's will slow down and help you out.

73, BT... Dan K4EHY, AR...5

You fellows who persist in using equipment and techniques of some 30 years past still have something to look forward to! Who knows - you might rise to glory by having some museum adopt you as a rare antique!

Onyx

GATOR NET

The increase in number of different station QNT brought the added pleasure of new contacts. For example: W4CJ 4 called in from Asheville, N.C. He told us of his itinerary to Nova Scotia and across Canada, his camper and rig.

Birch WB4JW will be on the air soon after a good recovery from pneumonia and a vacation in Texas. A shift in working hours has kept Lou K4LAN away, and we hope the next shift will permit him to rejoin us.

On two successive days neither the 80m nor the 40m band was satisfactory. On six mornings the Net moved to 3651KHz, the alternate frequency, from 7115KHz, the normal frequency, because the skip was way up in Yankee Land. The rule for this maneuver is: The NCS will call up Gator Net on 7115KHz for a period of five minutes. Then if the skip is wrong, he will QSY the Net to 3651KHz.

We can keep the skip in Florida, if we all subscribe to Florida Skip, maybe. It is worth a try.

73, Bill Arnold W4ENW
Asst. Net Manager

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The 4th of July, freedom's anniversary! One hundred and ninety-three years ago a group of men affixed their signatures to a document, the Declaration of Independence, which has become the cornerstone for the growth of our nation as a country dedicated to freedom for all men.

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To the course of their struggles to preserve America's way of life, many of these men have indeed suffered loss of their lives, loss of limbs, or loss of the capacity to be self-sustaining.

It is for the support and assistance of these unfortunate individuals to whom our country owes so much.



TOP TWENTY TRAFFIC TAKERS

By W. G. Blasingame W44NEV

Each month we are happy to list the top twenty traffic takers in Florida. Next month we hope to see you call here.

1. W3CUL/4	1264	11. K4EHY	116
2. WA4SCK	829	12. 4R1Y/W4	108
3. WA4ECY	489	13. WB4IER	82
4. WA4FGH	235	14. WB4EPD	74
5. W4EHW	162	15. K4DAX	72
6. WB4HJW	161	16. K4LEC	70
7. K4LAN	139	17. WA4HED	68
8. W4FPC	125	18. WB4ADL	58
9. W4SDR	122	19. WA4BGW	51
10. WA4LH	121	20. W4SMK	51

TRAFFIC HOUNDS

NET	QNT	AVG. QNT	QTC	AVG. QTC	SESS
FMTN	624	26	328	12.6	26
GATOR	180	5.14	233	7.51	31
TPTN	852	31.5	182	6.7	27
QFN	363	6.3	285	5.0	51
FAST	559	24.0	83	3.6	23
FPTN	462	17	85	3.5	27
WFPN	-	-	-	-	-

FROM ACTING SCM

Ron Locke, W4YPX

Since I have been asked by George Hart, W4MM Communications Manager for the April to take on the temporary duties of Acting SCM for last Florida, perhaps a couple of facts are due to the amateurs in the area.

About the first of April your newly elected SCM, Bill Blas-

ingame W4NEY, was called up for testing for his General Class license because of a neighbor's complaint of interference to the fam'l. organ. This is said to be standard procedure by the FCC in cases like this, i.e. where the member of party holds a Conditional license 25. How did Bill was given less than a month to prepare for his General test and was unable to pass the required thirteen words per minute code test. At

that time he was asked to turn in his license. He is studying hard at present and will probably try again in July.

Meanwhile, I am Florida was left SC-less. When Bill resigned his position as SCM in a letter to George Hart, I was recommended for the job until the APR had a chance to publish the notice of accepting nominations from clubs and

groups for their choice for the job.

Until that time . . . I'm the guy. My address appears in the League Official list elsewhere in Skip I leave out 'free to call on me at any time for information. I hope that our association will be a pleasant one and that you can find some merit in my work.

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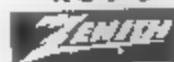
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CLUB NEWS

(Continued from Page 8)

relating desk and your correspondence regrets she failed to note who was

worth was in the Mount Park Hospital, having suffered another heart attack. W4111... paper about her political activities and noting the fact she has voted in 1968. My... decisions since women got the vote.

SUNCOAST ROVING REPORTER

By Cathy Sochi
W4P... 437

Information have re-... scheduled regularly for years.

had blown down... W4027 Tom Hard worked the Dominican Republic on 6-meters May 4th. The band was wide open all day and they're taking advantage of the

what missed it, 'drooling' over the contacts made

WB4CCG-Dan Joeger we understand, is retiring and moving to Seminole.

A vote of thanks to Gov Claude... by signing the Proclamation declaring June 15-21 as Florida Amateur Radio

you are going mobile on vacation or portable this Summer, request 543A from APRS as all necessary information will be given to FCC

INDEPENDENT COUNTY HUNTERS

By Martha Ann Facer W4554

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This writer has worked 1887 counties at this moment and has almost that many confirmed; many are now up to 2900 plus and going strong.

So, any who are mulling, please come up to 14.316, and drop in on us. We'd love to have you, and we'd love to have some new County Hunters. I assure you, once you start, you can't let go. That is how much fun it is.

And, of course, we will help, or at least try to help, anyone who drops in

See you next month in the VII-

COM NG EVENTS

Each month SKIP hopes to print all upcoming events statewide. Have you sent in yours?

June 28-29 Field Day
Sept. 13 Platinum
Oct. 12 (last AR's)
Hamfest
Hamfest
Tampa
Hamfest



Bill Kibbe, NOEXT W4CCD

Speedcom -- a special Navy Marine Corps Mars exercise was held throughout the country on May 22 and 23rd. The purpose was to see if designated areas could contact other areas and get a reply back the same day. The Sixth District was well represented according to Georgia Denman, NOZTC, who reported: "Well done" to all members who participated.

A recent broadcast by NAV reported traffic totals during the second year since the establishment of Mars facilities at McMurdo Bay, Antarctica. A total of 3,449 phone patch, message and RATT Letters was racked up the last twelve months compared with 3,823 for the previous and first twelve months. An interesting sidelight is the total of 2,478 "RATT Letters" in the first mentioned total because here in South Florida, Bill Rowe, NOGAL/NOITE has acted as an anchor man. For the last month he reports cutting tape and transmitting in excess of 150 Letters, a really impressive total

From La Delson NOGAR, comes more news items than space provides, but indicates increasing Northwest Florida activity and interest.

Jim Wilson, KOWCK and Fred Knight, KOWYQ, attended the Knoxville district meeting and report a pleasant and interesting session. Jim, who is the regular SKIP correspondent took off for a month or six weeks up north accounting for the above somewhat rambling and confusing activity report.

From the results that a lot of us are having with some of the new gear I can't help but conclude that some manufacturers are trying to be 'the first with the worst'

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ASST. SEC RESIGNS

We are sorry to report that
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land has resigned as Assistant
Section Emergency Coordinator
for Eastern ARRL Section.
Tom has worked hard and faith-
fully for the past two years.

Ken Stewart, W4SMK of Fort
Myers, has agreed to take over
the Asst. SEC job. Ken is pres-
ently acting EC for Lee county
and is active on most of the SSB
and c.w. nets. He also is a SKIP
correspondent for the Tropical
Phone Traffic Net and the Fort
Myers Radio Club.

A special note to all E. Fla.
Emergency Coordinators -
please send all future monthly
reports to Ken. His address is
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Our sincere thanks to Tom,
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- AC

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FOR SALE: Kleinschmidt model TT-76 tape push and printer in new condition \$175.00, Hammarlund HQ-170C late model in new condition, \$165.00, Homebrew CW SSB 40 and 80 meter exciter \$25.00, Surplus signal generator with calibrated attenuation for 8 to 12 mc and 150 to 230 mc. Has 110 v.a.c. supply and in new condition, \$65.00, Norm Gerber W4ZRT, 6701 N.E. 5th Ave., Miami, Fla. 33138 Phone 758-2098.

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FOR SALE: Two Osborne "300" CR transceivers with mike and clip antenna, solid state \$75.00, SWAN 350 \$335.00, SWAN 117XC a.c. supply \$60.00, VXC-2 \$10.00, 22 Dual VFO adapter \$12.00, MARS-400 osc. \$18.00, Will consider late model receiver on trade, Chas Fowler W4DVS, 18th St. Pompano Beach, Fla. 33060 Phone 323-2076.

FOR SALE: HW-32A (no P/S) DX-103 with mike, WRL WVG MK-II 80 to 10 Mtr, Vert Ant. W2AE Balun (4:1), NC-120 General coverage rcvr. All gear clean and will run on the air tests. Make offer. Bob Surgis, W4BYJ, 310 Noel Road, Orange Park, Fla. 32073 or call 384-2609.

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FOR SALE: SWAN 12 VDC power supply for 350 or 500, \$40.00, DC-341 with 110VAC AC supply \$40.00, Hustler mobile antenna with 75-40-20-15-10 resonators \$20.00, Ed Wheeler K4ADD, 2061 N.W. 34th St., Miami, Fla. Phone 533-3374.

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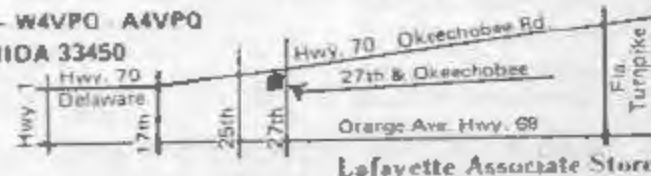
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K4IA/KC4 Navassa Island

Ken W4SMK

While you are reading this issue of Fla Skip (June 22 to 25) an adventurous group of ten amateurs will be conducting the first legal operations from Navassa Island in eleven years. Their call sign is K4IA/KC4. They will be operating four Drake equipped stations around the clock on 160 through 10 meters phwn and cw. Antennas in use will be Hy Gain beams and long wires.

Navassa is a nearly inaccessible Caribbean island of several square miles area lying 100 miles south of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. It has no landing beaches and is surrounded by deep water with the only access being a climb up a forty foot rope ladder hanging from a cliff. The Coast Guard maintains an automatic lighthouse on Navassa but the only permanent residents are birds, bugs, and some wild goats. All fresh water and food must be brought along, and everything hoisted up with a winch.

The present DX expedition has been in the planning stages for five years, and only now were they able to gain the required Coast Guard approval to land. The call signs of the Navassa operators are: K4IA, K4CAH, W4PJG, W4KET, W4DQS (Dale is a veteran of the old KC4AF expedition.), K4FU, W4QCW, W4USQ, WA4-

HTR, and KV4FZ.

Navassa is one of the rarer DX locations and the demand for contacts and QSL cards is expected to be heavy. All QSL cards should be sent to WA4-WIP, Richard G. Tesar, 2666 Browning St., Sarasota, Fla. 33577. Cards must have correct date and GMT, and be accompanied by a SASE, and IRC's if necessary.

Another article on K4IA/KC4 Navassa Island complete with pictures will be in a future issue of Florida Skip.



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Hams Scoop A.P.

The Associated Press came upon a different source of information Friday, May 30. Ron Locke, director for WFGA-TV, Jacksonville, Florida, was applying himself to his favorite hobby . . . dial twisting on his ham radio set (W4YFX) . . . when he noticed something unusual. He began listening to an exchange of voices coming from Curacao, the Dutch overseas territory near Venezuela.

It appeared from the conversation that there was a great deal of unrest in Curacao. Locke phoned a fellow ham operator, Howard Kelley, (K4DSN) who was on duty in the newsroom of WFGA-TV, and explained what he had overheard. Locke suggested that Kelley look into it for a possible story.

Kelley contacted the Associated Press to see if they had anything on it. They had nothing. Associated Press set their own wheels rolling, and upon checking, discovered that there actually was a small revolt tak-

ing place in Curacao.

Three other Jacksonville hams were contacted to help out in gathering details: WA4-YJA, K4LEK and WA4DWR (also WFGA-TV News Staffer).

FCC DENIES

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organizations with licenses for 30-watt Citizens Class D stations. The American Radio Relay League Inc. opposed ACBA requests for Amateur or Remote Pickup frequencies for hobby-type Citizens operation, for reduction of fees, and for establishment of a Citizens Radio Advisory Committee.

The Commission said, "The shortage of radio spectrum space for use by the Public Safety, Land Transportation, and Industrial Radio Services is well documented and known. Until this higher priority need can be fulfilled, the Commission considers it inappropriate to reallocate any additional radio frequency space to the Citizens Radio Service, particularly for use in hobby-type operations."

It cited other reasons for denial, including international allocation of Amateur frequencies, probability of interference and "significant use" of Remote Pickup frequencies "in the public interest." On emergency operation, it said, "The Commission is proposing to review its regulations governing the Citizens Radio Service, the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), and the Disaster Communications Service to determine their adequacy in making the best use of available transmitters during emergency situations. Until completion of the review, any reallocation of frequencies for this purpose would be inappropriate."

ACBA asked for hearings on its petition. The Commission replied that it "does not normally hold hearings on petitions for rule making and nothing has been introduced to show why an exception should be made here."

Action by the Commission April 23, 1969, by Memorandum Opinion and Order. Commissioners Hyde (Chairman), Cox, Wadsworth, and H. Rex Lee, with Commissioner Robert E. Lee dissenting and Commissioner Johnson concurring in the result.

A GREAT NEED

By WB4JDG

The need has existed for some time for an emergency monitoring mobile net. About a year ago, when I got my general class license, I began asking amateurs, in this area, as well as elsewhere, the main answer I kept getting was "sure sounds great but I don't have time to monitor." It really doesn't require much time though; if a few hams would be willing to monitor for a few hours each day it would probably work out pretty effectively, especially those who get off work at midnight.

Although 40 or 80 meters might be better for a net of this nature on a local basis 10 meters is probably more practical from an economic point of view. CB gear available at low cost can be easily converted to 10 meters including antennas.

All ideas and suggestions will be greatly appreciated as will volunteers to monitor. If you have an idea or wish to volunteer please drop me a card or letter.

Thanks and 73's
Bob Kirschenbaum

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